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SECURITY INFORMATION

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REPORT NO.

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Military Information from the Letzling Heath Training Area

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 27 January to 15 February 1952

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REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. On 13 February 1952, the camp south of Huetten in the Letzling Heath (M 53/I 53) training area, was occupied by only a guard detail of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [] with eight soldiers wearing the same type of epaulets was seen driving toward the camp. The four-mast radio station on the northern edge of the camp was in operation. Two soldiers observed there wore red-bordered black epaulets. The barracks building east of Huetten, on the highway to Meseberg, and the detached houses in that area were occupied by a total of about 250 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No heavy weapons were noticed, and no shelters for such weapons were available. About 100 soldiers were seen warming themselves at bivouac fires in the woods north of the quarters. Four SU-100 SP guns and 3 T-34/85 tanks were seen moving from the direction of Meseberg toward Camp Born. About 20 minutes later, the armored vehicles were followed by trucks [] 25X1

25X1 Each truck was occupied by 16 to 18 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. The parking lot for motor vehicles east of Born was empty.

2. Source learned from a worker who cleaned the billeting area that prior to 15 February, Camp Born was occupied by only a guard detail. The informant claimed to have learned at the special construction office in Haldensleben that this year the camp would be occupied by more troops than in 1951, and that the troops would arrive between 15 March and May. [] 25X1

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3. No military shipments were observed to be unloaded at the Wolmirstedt railroad station between 27 January and 10 February. *

* [] Comment. Other sources also reported that Camp Born was occupied only by guard details at the end of January 1952. [] 25X1 The training units mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report belong to the 19th Gds Msz Div, []

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